The following email message was sent to OI&T employees on October 2, 2006, cascaded through the OI&T management chain.

TO MY FELLOW VA IT EMPLOYEES:

I would like to welcome all of you to the Office of Information and Technology. The talent and commitment you have demonstrated will now be used to transform IT throughout VA to a more responsive, agile, and supportive organization.

A transformation of this magnitude will take time to implement and achieve results. I appreciate your patience as we work through these complex decisions while continuing to serve our customers. There will be numerous opportunities over the next several months for you to participate in this effort. You are the experts, and we need your input and involvement to effectively modernize IT in VA.

During this time of transition, you may have questions and concerns. Do not hesitate to ask those questions and express those concerns to your supervisors or directly to me. There is one thing you will never have to question- *our commitment to providing you with the support you need to deliver services to our VA customers and veterans.* Please continue to check the OI&T website for updates at www.va.gov/fedmod/.

Again, welcome. I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary Supervisor, Office of Information and Technology